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1. MISSION OFFICER TOOK UP QUESTION OF REOPENING PRG ISSUE AT 7TH WMO CONGRESS WITH D/SYG LANGLO AND REITERATED OUR INTEREST IN WMO MAINTAINING ORDERLY PROCEDURES AT CONGRESS. LANGLO REITERATED PLAN FOR PRESIDENT WMO TO RULE OUT OF ORDER PROPOSAL FROM FLOOR INVITATION FOR PRG TO PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVER IN WMO SEVENTH CONGRESS AS BEING OUT OF ORDER, AS PROPERLY EXECUTED MAIL VOTE HAD DECIDED AGAINST SUCH AN INVITATION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SEC GEN DAVIES HAD ALREADY BRIEFED PRESIDENT ON THIS MATTER AND THAT THERE WAS AGREEMENT.

2. AT SAME TIME, LANGLO STRESSED THAT SOME MEMBERS MIGHT MAKE POINT THAT POLITICAL SITUATION GREATLY CHANGED SINCE MAIL VOTE THAT COMMENCED 23 DECEMBER 1974 WAS TAKEN. NEVERTHELESS, MOTION TO RE-OPEN WOULD REQUIRE TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY, WHICH IS THE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE FOR ACTION ON MOTIONS IN WMO CONGRESSES. THE POSSIBILITY THAT AN APPLICATION FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP IN WMO MAY BE SUBMITTED SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED.
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